# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

r to the reply given to SQ. 41 on February 23, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the NCCF still continue to make purchases from suppliers on the basis ofauthority letters from the distributors and not the manufacturers;

(b) if so, the steps taken to immediately discard this system and to direct the NCCF accordingly;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the NCCF is purchasing the same brand of items from more than one suppliers who are sub-dealers; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by his ministry to check this uncalled for practice to bring in economy in Government expenditure as the items supplied by sub-dealers are costlier than the ones supplied by manufacturers/authorised distributors?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SRINIVASA PRASAD)

(a, b & c): NCCF is an autonomous cooperative society having its own Board of Directors to manage its business and other administrative matters. Government of India do not interfere in its functioning. NCCF has informed that they arrange supplies to Government Departments after purchasing the goods from the manufacturers, distributors and dealers of different branded products who are registered with it. The selection of suppliers in respect of individual order is made on commercial consideration only from amongst the registered suppliers irrespective of category to which the supplier may belong. NCCF has already discontinued registration of fresh suppliers, who are not manufacturers. The NCCF hasalso indicated that they intend to gradually shift over to manufacturers for purchase of major branded items.

(d) & (e): The NCCF has informed that they make the purchases of the indenteditems from the suppliers at uniform rates and ensure the supply of the same to the Government Departments at competitive prices. The purchase of goods from more than one registered supplier does not affect the price structure of the goods supplied by the NCCF